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Photographer Moneta Sleet dies



Corretta Scott King warmly greets Pulitzer Prize photographer Moneta J. Sleet, Jr.

NEW YORK—Moneta J. Sleet, Jr., the first black to win a Pulitzer Prize, died Monday, September 30, at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York of cancer.

Sleet is best known for his photograph of Corretta Scott King comforting her 5-year old daughter Bernice at the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The image, which was widely distributed by the Associated Press throughout the country, is just one of many poignant and significant photographs taken by Sleet through his long career. Sleet's most significant contribution to photojournalism was extensive documentation of the marches, meetings and rallies of the Civil Rights movement.

Sleet's career began as a young boy when his parents gave him a box camera. He studied photography at Kentucky State College, but graduated in 1947, after serving in World War II, with a degree in business.

Sleet helped establish Maryland State College's first photography department in 1948. He later studied at the School of Modern Photography in New York before attending New York University, where he received his master's degree in journalism in 1950.

Sleet's career started with a brief stint as a sportswriter for the *American News*, followed by staff photographer at *Our World*, an African-American photo magazine. When *Our World* went out of business, Sleet joined *Ebony*, where he worked, until his death at 70.

In addition to his Pulitzer Prize and a Citation for Excellence from the Overseas Press Club of America, Sleet received awards for the National Urban League and the National Association of Black Journalists.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS STAND FOR CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, DC—Thousands of religious congregations of many faiths united to celebrate the fifth annual National observance of Children's Sabbaths, October 18 to 20.

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) in cooperation with more than 175 denominations and religious organizations, the Children's Sabbaths give congregations the opportunity to put their faith into action to improve the lives of children through hands-on service and advocacy.

This year's National Observance, *Stand For Children: Pray, Speak Out, and Act*, focused on the civil responsibility of the religious community. Throughout the weekend, houses of worship held special services, education programs and outreach activities to address the urgent problems facing children in their communities.

Every day 6,042 children and youths under 18 are injured, 342 for violent crimes, and 15 children and youths under 20 are killed by cars.

CITY 11

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Thousands turn out for World's Day of Atonement



Thousands gather to celebrate the first anniversary of the Million Man March at the U.S. (Inset) Unlike last year, women came out to 'atone' at this gathering.

by Terrence L. Dixon

NEW YORK—At the 42nd Street subway station, mid-morning of October 16, the Grand Central Shuttle and No. 7 train platforms were adorned with mostly black faces—a big difference from the usual array of ethnic throngs making the cross-town commute, though a few of them blared through.

"World's Day of Atonement" Get on the train! Get Your First Call now! shouted a Nation of Islam (NOI) member. They were en route to World's Day of Atonement held at the United Nations' Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, to not only celebrate the historic Million Man March (MMM) held last year in Washington, DC, but to call for spiritual reconciliation and an end to international oppression.

Many were forced to stay in block-off areas on 2nd Avenue between 43rd and 47th Streets where they had to watch the event on two mammoth monitors along with people in 88 countries world-wide who saw it via satellite.

"It's unfair, they shouldn't have these streets blocked off," said Elizabeth Gabriel, who said she arrived when the police stop letting people onto the Plaza.

The overall crowd was estimated to be 38,000 by police, though organizers said it was at least 50,000.

"White men can't jump, and white men can't count," Later, Min. Louis Farrakhan, the crowd's spiritual leader, addressed the crowd at the U.S. (Inset) Unlike last year, women came out to 'atone' at this gathering.



Farrakhan addresses the crowd at the U.S. in celebration of the first anniversary of the Million Man March.

Farrakhan told the crowd in his keynote address about the police estimate with reference to the police's 400,000 estimate of the million-plus demonstration last year.

Some workers took their lunch breaks to join the gathering. Even seemingly nervous area residents

couldn't contain their curiosity as they too joined the crowds.

Native American and Hispanic leaders spoke this year as well as black nationalists Kwame Ninsin and Dick Gregory, Prof. Cornel West of Harvard University, Rev. Benjamin Chavis, and Rev. Al Sharpton who addressed CIA's possible link to the crack epidemic. Winnie Mandela was scheduled to speak but couldn't because the South African government instructed her not to. Her speech was delivered by an aide. Singer Stephanie Mills also performed.

Like last year, many of the marches this year attended the five-hour event for various reasons:

"I came for atonement and to get focused, so I can begin to help improve the conditions of black people," said New York resident Ron Johnson.

"We need solidarity," said a Brooklynite who bought along with his young nephew and their friends. "I think this was a good idea. The focus should be to educate."

Farrakhan, in his usual fiery manner, delivered a sermon on global domination calling for an end to racism, violence and war; a reconciliation of morals; and criticism of the American government for its sanctions against Cuba, Libya, and Iraq.

"Somebody has to have the pain of pointing out to the kings and rulers and the people where we have gone wrong. I have to tell it, whether the kings like it or not, whether the rulers like it or not, whether the Anti Defamation League likes it or not."

not, whether Mayor Giuliani likes it or not, I have to tell the truth," Min. Farrakhan told the crowd.

Aside from Jews protesting at the rally along with the city's mayor, Rudolph Giuliani (who didn't attend), because of Farrakhan's past anti-Semitic remarks, some participants expressed a sense of pessimism.

A European couple on vacation observed that people are attracted to Farrakhan's way of speaking, however, they don't actually listen to his messages.

COMMENTARY

New evidence states law enforcement officials knew of Contra/crack connection

by Representative Maxine Waters

There is enormous interest in the tale of CIA-operatives smuggling crack cocaine into the U.S. in the early 1980s. While some segments of the media dismiss this story, evidence continues to accumulate which demands a thorough investigation.

Let me briefly outline the story and try to explain why this well-documented series of articles by reporter Gary Webb, researched over a full year's time and printed in the *San Jose Mercury News*, is so important to so many people.

What Gary Webb has proven incontrovertibly is that Norwin Meneses and Danilo Blandon, two notorious Nicaraguan drug dealers, were involved in trafficking cocaine and weapons—into South-Central Los Angeles in the early 1980s. They also were clearly linked to CIA-directed efforts to raise funds for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, when they were trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan government.

Blandon has testified that the proceeds from the drug profits he made in Los Angeles went to fund Contra efforts. He also has said that he, along with Meneses, worked with such well known CIA-operatives as Adolfo Calero, the commander of the Nicaraguan Democratic Front (FDN), and Enrique Bermudez, another high level FDN/CIA operative.

The charges raised, and their implications, are so severe in this case, that nothing short of a full-scale exploration of this untold history of drug dealers, CIA operatives, and U.S. foreign policy will put these questions to rest.

I recently visited the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and was amazed and outraged by documents which previously had not been made public, and, in fact, which reporter Gary Webb had been told didn't exist. The documents, only turned over after I demanded them, reveal that in the mid-1980s, the sheriff's department confiscated drugs and drug paraphernalia in a raid of Mr. Blandon. According to affidavits released Monday, one informant testified, "All of these per-

sons [people connected to the Blandon drug ring] are either Nicaraguan and/or sympathizers to the Contra movement."

Moreover, the documents reveal that Blandon's carrier, someone who ran drugs between Central America and the United States, Ron Lister, who was also alleged, had military training manuals and was quoted as saying he worked for the CIA when law enforcement officials seized his property.

These events make one wonder why, if these drugs were seized, were Danilo Blandon and Ron Lister ever arrested? Why also the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) asked the L.A. Sheriff's Department to back off their investigation of Danilo Blandon? Finally, to this day, much of the evidence seized during these raids cannot be located and is not accounted for. This is only the most recent incident which raises a startling pattern of questions that have not been answered.

The *Mercury News* articles chronicle how the Meneses-Blandon-Rick "Freeway" Ross (the primary distributor of crack cocaine in South-Central Los Angeles at the time) network spread into other inner city areas of the United States, once their business took hold in South-Central L.A. This nexus, and the specificity of its description sheds new light on the beginnings of one of the great tragedies of American life—namely, the introduction of crack cocaine, and all its associated realities, into the U.S.

What did the CIA know, and when did it know it? That is what federal investigators must uncover in their own investigations. Thus far, the House Intelligence Committee, the CIA Inspector General, and the Attorney General Inspector General offices have launched their own investigations. These investigations have come about from pressure—pressure from policymakers, pressure from certain parts of the media, and pressure from citizens of this country. This is the type of action we must sustain as we continue our quest to find answers to this troubling case. We cannot wait for answers.

Whitman submits plan for welfare reform

TRENTON—Gov. Christie Whitman submitted her plan last Wednesday to institute welfare reform in New Jersey to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the first step towards converting welfare to a program that requires work.

The submission of the state plan allows New Jersey to begin collecting federal block grant money effective on October 16 to begin instituting welfare reform as required by the federal law. The state plan submission also begins a 45-day public comment period on the plan.

State officials will be appealing to the Clinton Administration to make the funds available retroactive to October 1, 1996 so that New Jersey can take advantage of the full block grant amount, the Governor said.

Changes in the state welfare program cannot begin until after the federal government reviews the state plan for completeness. Time limits for people to receive welfare are called for in the federal law and are part of the state plan. But time limits will not begin until the state welfare program, Work First New Jersey, is instituted.

The state is entitled to more than \$400 million each year in federal block grant funds under the new federal law. The federal law requires states to implement fully the federal welfare package by July 1997. States can, however, begin the transition to the new program sooner by implementing some components of the package now.

"This plan, which I signed and

submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services today, will allow New Jersey to begin collecting extra federal dollars to reform welfare in this state to a program that is about work. This is not the final step, just one of many that will be necessary to give welfare recipients the opportunities they need and make welfare a program that works for everyone," said Gov. Whitman.

Provisions of Work First NJ include:

- ✓ A five-year lifetime limit on welfare.
- ✓ Work First NJ will consolidate all welfare services and establish one welfare unit per county.
- ✓ Individuals and families who are eligible for assistance will have numerous requirements including mandatory work-related activities, a home energy program, and subsidized health and child care coverage.
- ✓ Homeless people and those who are about to be evicted who apply for emergency assistance will receive benefits for one year and must contribute 65 percent toward placement.
- ✓ Teenagers who apply for welfare are required to finish high school or enroll in a GED program.
- ✓ A woman who has more children welfare grant will not increase.

Until Work First NJ is implemented, the Family Development Program for people eligible for welfare under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) programs will continue.

Senate school funding plan nears completion

by Kelly Howard

NEW JERSEY—After earning a three-month extension on a tangled assignment to devise a new system for funding public schools, at least one house of the state Legislature is expected to hand in its homework well before the December 31.

Senate President Donald DiFrancesco (R-Scotch Plains), said he expects the Senate Education Committee to approve a bill containing a new school funding formula by November 7.

However, disputes over issues such as reimbursements for students with disabilities and aid for special needs districts have yet to be ironed out, DiFrancesco said.

"Plainfield under the Florio Bill, was a special-needs district," said DiFrancesco, Governor Christine Whitman's plan removed Plainfield from the special-needs district category.

"I have a problem with that. They need special aid," he added. "They don't need \$2.5 million."

Since it came out in May, Whitman's plan has received criticism and opposition from state and school officials. In a recent protest union members gathered in Trenton to protest her plan and to voice their concerns.

The mayors of Jersey City, Paterson, Trenton, Woodbridge and Plainfield had intended to meet in Nassau Hall, at Princeton University, but officials at Princeton told them to take their protest outside.

They set up a podium on the sidewalk, 150 feet away, but their voices were virtually drowned out by the steady bus and truck traffic on busy Nassau Street.

Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler said the Governor's plan "woefully" underfunds special education and "represents a real threat to the cities."

Despite the State Supreme Court's order to bridge the spending gap between poor and rich school districts, many urban area school districts will lose funding with Whitman's plan. State education aid to Jersey City would be \$3.5 million, and Plainfield would lose \$2.5 million.

"Under the Whitman plan, the Newark district will lose \$31.8 million, Livingston loses \$7.6 million, East Orange loses \$18.9 million and Orange \$5.2 million," said Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley.

Cuts to special needs districts is major part that is holding up an agreement. The original deadline of September 1 was extended by the court, reasoning that "the Legislature is actively considering legislation to address its obligation."

The New Jersey Urban Mayors Association has decided to make the school funding fight a top priority, said Trenton Mayor Douglas Palmer, its president.

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PEOPLE

1,100 get on board at NJPAC gala

The Who's Who of New Jersey turned out for the gala fund-raiser on Saturday, October 12 at the Newark Airport. The gala benefited the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and drew a crowd of more than 1,000 supporters. The NJPAC Women's Board which drew the affair raised \$1.3 million from the event.

The evening's honoree was the Prudential's Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, Arthur Ryan for Prudential's \$6.5 million gift to the center. Patricia Ryan's wife, was one of the gala's organizers who helped to bring Ray Charles and his band, Newark's own Cissy Houston, and Max Weinberg, Bruce Springsteen's drummer to entertain in the converted Continental airport hangar. Gail Thompson, who coordinates the construction of the \$165 million performing arts center, strolled through the crowd discussing the progress of the almost completed center and toured the antique DC-3 which served as the backdrop for the event. Included among the dignitaries were Senator Bill Bradley, Congressman Donald Payne, Councilman Donald Tucker, Frank Bolden of Johnson & Johnson with his wife, Penny, Marilyn Jones of Matsushita Electric, and Jerry Greco & Fleeta Barnes of First Union.

President and CEO of NJPAC, Lawrence Goldman reminded the attendees to mark their calendars for October 18, 1997 when the curtain goes up on Newark's stage one and a new chapter for the art world begins.



(l to r) Dr. Zachary Yamba, president Essex County College; his wife Trish Morris-Yamba, Joyce Branch and Newark Councilman George Branch.



Mary Sweeny, director of the Newark Museum and Rutgers Professor Dr. Clement Price.



Philip Thomas, education director of NJPAC, his wife Creta, Patricia Rivera and Wilson Woodridge, associate architect for NJPAC.



Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Gloria Buck, Barbara Bell, president Amelior Foundation and Claude Coleman.



Gala board member Patricia Ryan, Kevin Jenkins, Newark Councilwoman Gayle Changyfield and Prudential Chairman and CEO, Arthur Ryan.



The legendary Ray Charles wows the crowd.

NJPAC executive Director Lawrence Goldman, Photo by Glen Friesen.

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Community Calendar

THRU OCTOBER 25

LINCROFT—Monmouth County Park System will offer parent/child ceramics classes to area adults and kids ages 10 to 17 at the Thompson Park Crafters Shop from 9 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4400.

THRU OCTOBER

JERSEY CITY—Jersey State College will hold a free series of campus programs. Pre-registration is required. For a complete program listing and registration call 201-300-3169.

NEW JERSEY—Many Faces-One Family will sponsor a host of events statewide. For a complete listing call 908-777-0999.

NEWARK—Every Tuesday and Thursday in the remainder of October, the Newark Literacy Campaign is holding orientations for volunteers and reading partners. For more info call 201-623-4001.

NEW JERSEY—Every few days, Caucus New Jersey will air "Democracy Works" television series. For a complete listing call 201-556-0020.

ELIZABETH—The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs offers Cultural Connections. For a list of events call 908-558-2550.

THRU OCTOBER 29

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Farmers Market offers Jersey Fresh vegetables from the Garden State at City Hall Plaza Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday. For more info call 201-265-0038.

THRU DECEMBER 1

NEW YORK—The American Federation of Arts in association with The Studio Museum in Harlem and the Mexican Museum in San Francisco will host *The Spirit of Resistance: African-American and the Mexican Muralist School* at the Studio Museum in Harlem. For more info contact Jillian W. Slonum and Jennifer A. Smith 212-988-7700.

OCTOBER 23 THRU NOVEMBER 13

CRAWFORD—Baseball and softball coaches, trainers, and players will be able to obtain instruction in "Proper Pitching Mechanics" through a non-credit course to be offered this fall by

Union County College. For more info call 908-709-7600.

OCTOBER THURSDAY, 24

MORRIS COUNTY—The Housing Partnership for Morris County and Morris 2000 is having a breakfast reception celebrating Morris County's participation in Affordable Housing Month. For more info call 201-984-2217.

TRENTON—Rutgers University Urban Studies Professor to examine impact of federal EPA's Risk Reduction Priorities for State in Trenton Public Policy Seminar at the State House Annex. For more info call 908-932-7725.

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's Project 2000 Program presents its 4th Annual "Meet the Men of Project 2000" at 6 p.m. in the Bishop Dougherty Student Center. For more info call 201-761-9648.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Make your own costume and join the fun for Fabric Land's 10th Annual Halloween Contest. \$1,000 in prizes. For more info call 908-232-4551.

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY—The relationship of mathematics to music will be explored in a workshop at 10:00 a.m. in Room 105 of Voorhes Hall, off Hamilton Street at Rutgers University. For more info call Trish Anderson at 908-445-0035.

HOLMDEL—The Monmouth County Park System invites youngsters to a historic barn party at the Longstreet Farm in Holmdel. Tickets: \$10.00 and pre-registration required. For more info call 908-842-4000.

MAPLEWOOD—The Valeri Fund's biggest party of the year will take place at Giants Stadium. For more info and registration call 201-884-8700.

Scotch Plains—Union County Magnet High School presents information session for prospective 8th grade students and parents at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 908-889-2999.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

End of Daylight's Savings Time. Turn Clock Back 1 hour.

Gala Committee Women's Board Gala

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By the way, those wonderful shots of the Tennis Tournament that were run on the sports page in last week's issue were also taken by Glen Friesen.

Mfume to keynote NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner

NEWARK—NAACP Chairman and CEO, Kweisi Mfume will deliver the keynote address at the organization's 82nd anniversary Freedom Fund Dinner on Friday, October 25 at the Robert Treat Treadwell Lodge.

The dinner is an opportunity to network with the community, churches, businesses, organizations and corporations. This year, the Newark Branch will focus on the National theme, "A New Day Begins," according to Dorotea Lee, chairperson of the event. For additional information contact Lee at 201-624-6400.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

NATION

End of a 2-part series

National News at a Glance

CONGRESS AUTHORIZES CONSTRUCTION OF KING MEMORIAL

The U.S. Congress has passed legislation authorizing Alpha Phi Alpha, the nation's oldest African-American fraternity, to begin a national fund-raising campaign and design competition for a memorial to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. After 12 years and rejection by four previous Congresses, the bill passed unanimously in the House and then slipped through the Senate quietly October 3 as part of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act. The memorial, which will cost an estimated \$500,000 and be paid for by private contributions, will be constructed on federal land in Washington.

—WASHINGTON, DC.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HOLDS EMERGENCY CONFERENCE

The National Council of Churches' "Emergency Conference Against Racism" is set for October 24 to 26 in Columbia, SC. The conference is the first in a series to be held across the nation to address the racism that underlies the current epidemic of attacks on African-American houses of worship, organizers said. "The Burned Churches Program of the NCC, since its inception, has had as its goals both restoring the churches and attacking the racism that inspired the fires," said the Rev. Dr. Josiah Brown Campbell, NCC general secretary, New York. "The elimination of racial injustice long has been a number one priority of the NCC. We hope this conference will begin the process of overcoming the racism that persists in our society," she said.

COLUMBIA, SC.

STUDENTS/PARENTS TO TAKE PART IN 'MOCK' ELECTION

Millions of young Americans and their parents will take part in the largest voter education project in the United States, the National Student/Parent Mock Election, October 30. Coming together in communities across the country and united by a live television broadcast produced by CNN, students and parents will conduct a "mock" election, to teach students about taking an active role in the country's democratic system. In 1995 the National Student/Parent Mock Election was a semifinalist for the "Innovations in American Government" award from the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. For information call 520-742-9943.

—WASHINGTON, DC.

IVORY COAST SANCTIONS POLICE RAIDS

Despite a chorus of dissent from human rights groups and opposition politicians, the Ivorian National Assembly passed a controversial bill on September 30, which gives the police the power to enter people's homes at any time of the day or night, reports the IPS. According to officials the new law is part of an effort to clamp down on crime in Abidjan, but human rights activists say that it is one more piece of legislation that infringes on people's human rights. The bill replaces a former one which limited searches in homes by police between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. All 115 parliamentarians belonging to the ruling Democratic Party of Cote d'Ivoire (PDCI) gave the thumbs up to the new law, but the body's 13 opposition members vetoed the bill.

—AFRICA.

NIGERIA PLANS TO RESTRUCTURE SCHOOL SYSTEM TRIGGERS OPPOSITION

The Nigerian government's plan to salvage mismanaged schools by returning them to voluntary agencies and missionaries has triggered fears of elitism and declining enrollment, writes IPS. "During my own time, it was discipline and serious moral upbringing in schools, but today, teachers are not allowed to discipline their pupils leaving to moral decadence among our youths," said 60-year-old Joseph Omotosho, a retired school teacher.—NIGERIA.

The continuing saga of the CIA, contras & the crack epidemic

by Peter Kornbluh, *Historian
National Security Archive*

WASHINGTON, DC—Last week, *Jaxfax* took on the issue of CIA involvement in smuggling crack into the U.S. in order to fund the Contras. This week, historian Peter Kornbluh continues his analysis of this very hot issue.

In 1989, a special Senate investigation chaired by Senator John Kerry (D-MA) reported that drug smugglers had given money to certain Contra groups; that drug pilots and drug planes were used to ferry arms to the Contras; that CIA-protected landing strips used in the covert war were also

used by drug smugglers; and that the State Department/Nicaraguan Humanitarian Aid Office, which was run behind the scene by Oliver North, Elliot Abrams and CIA task force director Alan Fier gave more than \$800,000 to five transport organizations known to federal officials to be involved in drug smuggling operations.

"In the name of supporting the Contras," the Kerry Committee concluded, U.S. officials "abandoned the responsibility our government has for protecting our citizens from all threats to their security and well being."

Abandoning the responsibility to protect our communities from a true national security threat—drugs—is at

the heart of the spreading public outrage over the *Sun Jose Mercury News*' stories. It is important to note that these stories do not say that the CIA specifically targeted the African-American inner cities of South California for crack cocaine distribution.

But they do say that members of the main Contra group, the FDN, an organization created by—and controlled by—the CIA, did come up with the original strategy to transform cocaine from a rich man's drug into a mass market product to be distributed on the blighted streets of Los Angeles and San Francisco and elsewhere, and that profits were used in the CIA's

covert war in Central America.

Even if cloak and dagger agencies weren't selling crack bags on inner city streets, it is as scandalous that U.S. officials created an environment where criminals of this sort could operate with impunity, and tolerate any connection between the narcotics trade and the covert war. It is scandalous that Norwin Meneses and Danilo Blandon, two Contra cocaine traffickers, escaped prosecution all that time—and that the DEA eventually put Blandon on its payroll as a high-priced informant.

And it is a major scandal if they received protection due to their covert activities, as implied in the *Sun Jose Mercury News* stories. If so, U.S. officials must be held accountable for obstruction of justice.

Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) and other members of the Black Caucus demanded, and obtained, internal reviews in the CIA and the Justice Department in order to have a full and independent investigation. However, President Clinton should order his Intelligent Oversight Board to conduct its own review, and issue a report that includes full disclosure of: ✓ declassified CIA documents on the early years of the Contra war;

✓ all DEA communications with the CIA and the Reagan White House on Contras and drug smuggling; ✓ all DEA records that might reveal any pressure from U.S. officials to "keep hands off" drug pushers; ✓ all DEA files on Norwin Meneses and Danilo Blandon, including files on the decision to make Blandon a high-paid informant.

Finally, the town meetings, citizen debates, and radio programs taking place across the country must open the larger debate over the role of the CIA and covert operations in the 21st century.

Those assigned to protect the well-being and security of our citizenry, as this scandal demonstrates again, have subverted that very end, and their operations must be curtailed if not eliminated. Only then will we be assured that covert operations will never again be used as a cover for the flow of cocaine and other drugs into our cities.

To obtain a packet of declassified documentation on the Contra war and drug smuggling, contact the National Security Archive, at 202-994-7000; e-mail nsarchive@gwu2.circ.gwu.edu; or visit the web site at <http://www.gwu.edu/nsarchive>.

Leaders say Political Summit adopts national agenda

by Terrence L. Dixon

ST. LOUIS, MO—"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from their heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land," New Jersey Nation of Islam leader Khadija Muhammad quoted from Holy Quran's 2nd Chronicles 7:14 in describing the purpose of the National African Ameri-

can Leadership Summit (NAALS) on September 28 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Min. Louis Farrakhan and Rev. James Bevel-headed conference called for god-centered national political empowerment, voter registration, voter education, an accountability of black political leaders to the black community, and a recognizing of black women as a strong political force.

Held at the TWA dome, the nomic crowd was estimated to be at 9,000, including over 1,000 registered

African-American delegates.

Min. Wallace Dhumtiguam Muhammad, of Mosque # 80 in Plainfield, explained that NAALS "was birthed and came up out of the Million Man March last year when over 2 million black men converged on the nation's capital, and in the spirit of atonement."

NAALS served as a medium in which ideologically diverse leaders

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EDITORIAL

Torricelli and Zimmer: What about the issues?

Representative Robert Torricelli (D) and Representative Dick Zimmer are literally box-carrying each other for the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by Senator Bill Bradley (D) this November. As Election Day draws near, the negative, almost comical, television ads and voluminous debates have been vicious and personal. Torricelli and Zimmer seem to have forgotten about something crucial to voters—the issues.

While Zimmer started the negative campaign war, Torricelli fell into the trap, and now both can't escape from anything that would persuade a voter to hate the other. While it is important for voters to know about a candidate's relevant past, it is more important to know about the candidate's public record in reference to what they plan to do if elected.

Just as important, these two candidates are vying to replace Bill Bradley, a dignified politician in a dignified position, to say the least. Throughout the years, Bradley executed his position well and helped "make" laws in the best interest of the people he served. Recently, Torricelli asked Zimmer to join him in an end to the negative campaigning. He must have realized that he, too, was beginning to strike a sour note among voters. People are questioning whether such a powerful position in the Senate is appropriate for them. Maybe they should consider a career in boxing!

New law allowing hearsay evidence meant for O.J. only

by Dennis Schatzman
Special to the NNPA

If ever one needed proof that a new California law allowing the admission of hearsay evidence in civil trials was passed solely to fleece O.J. Simpson out of his millions, one need only go to Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Sherman Smith's courtroom.

Last month, California's Governor Pete Wilson signed into law a bill that allows lawyers representing the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Lyle Goldman to introduce hearsay testimony into their "wrongful death" suit against Simpson.

The professional Hall of Famer-turned actor and pichman was acquitted of murdering his estranged wife and her "friend" almost a year ago.

Specifically, the plaintiffs are now free to present portions of Brown Simpson's diary and second-hand gossip from some of her friends to a jury in the case now being heard in the trendy Los Angeles suburb of Santa Monica.

Wilson's signing of the novel bill was met with great fanfare. It made front-page news nationwide and had been lauded by many of the most well-known law school professors who double as television commentators on what is now known as "Simpson II."

Apparently, they don't read newspapers, including the Los Angeles Daily Journal, the celebrated legal newspaper, in Judge Smith's courtroom. Had they done so, Smith would certainly have not made such a bizarre ruling as he did in the case of *Potts v. City of Los Angeles* (KC 120232).

Glenda Potts, a 32-year-old black laborer of the city-run Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, was fired in January 1994 for allegedly stealing a telephone answering machine. The city's Civil Service Commission upheld the firing even after it learned that the machine was found in a box with other machines that had been collected.

Potts filed a complaint with the Congress of Racial Equality of California and Attorney Margo Bouchet to represent her in a fight to get her job back. In August 1995, Potts was reinstated with back pay. Her suit, currently before the court, is for damages due to racism, discrimination and conspiracy.

Bouchet offered as an expert witness a former judge who conducted an exhaustive investigation into the allegations for the *Los Angeles Sentinel*. His eight-part series was buttressed by evidence gleaned from numerous internal reports and memorandums and interviews with nearly 100 Hyperion workers and supervisors.

The judge/reporter also wrote a series of articles on the firing of Potts in 1994-95. He also interviewed several of Potts' co-workers who contend that she had been set up by several of her black shift workers and white supervisors.

Bouchet cited the 20 years-plus experience of the judge as an investigative reporter, his 10 years of experience as an employment investigator for the Pittsburgh, PA, branch of the NAACP and his experience as the executive director of the North Carolina NAACP.

Lawyers complained vehemently over the admission of the expert. Smith agreed, saying the reporter was "not competent to offer such hearsay testimony in this case." Smith suggested that the reporter give the names of the sources to the attorney then subpoena them to give testimony in the case.

Bouchet then reminded Smith of Hypon employment analyst, Claude Mark Reed, was fired two days after he told the reporter that he refused to go along with his supervisor black secretaries. "To expose other employees to similar retaliatory treatment would be unwise, Bouchet said.

So, what are we saying here. Simply this: It appears that the new law which allows lawyers to admit hearsay evidence is meant only for the O.J. Simpson trial and no other. Ordinary mortals need not try to apply the rule of law. And so it goes in the City of the Angels.

Life's Little Instructions

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What the qualifications for President?

by Carolyn Bennett

The presidential debates are pretty boring. Don't you think? Self-centered, too. Qualifications by personal story. Like Clarence Thomas' "son of sharecroppers" qualifications for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court five years ago. President Clinton and former Senator Robert Dole used personal, not qualify themselves for the presidency.

Mr. Dole said he was qualified to be President of the United States because he was wounded in World II and recovered enough to stand on his feet and talk about it. And because his opponents were playing nice, no peace said: "Mr. Dole, you're no FDR."

Clinton, in his turn, refused the bad-mouthing charge by saying, "It couldn't possibly be true because he [Clinton] had a brother who was a drug addict." "I hate drugs," he said in defending himself as a good drug policy maker.

Jack Kemp, who is not only running as Dole's vice president but may be for the whole enchilada in 2000, said he is qualified because he is the son of a truck driver. Another version of I know your pain, I'm one of you. I've been there, too. Al Gore, incumbent vice president, and also presidential hopeful in 2000, did "drag out the 'my son' story" he used at the Democratic National Convention. But the memory lingered on, nevertheless. The personally let the candidates dance around each other and around

America's problems. Often around the truth. "I know who I am and I know where I came from," Mr. Dole said in part of the presidential debate. But it wasn't clear whether he was talking about his poor birth beginnings in Russell, KS, where he recovered from his war wounds. Or his acquisition-of-wealth years, almost 40 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

Whether it's Dole's war years, his wealth or poverty, or Bill Clinton's brush with drugs and the addition in his family these "qualifications" have nothing to do with governance and governing policy and performance, and the negotiation and implementation of policy while working with a sitting Congress of whatever Party at the end of a dangerous and challenging post-Cold War era.

Instead of talking substance, the candidates said, look at poor me, I'm just like you, and I want to be your President. But the voters, the mature, the people don't want their president to be more like they; they want the president and aspiring president to be a cut above them. Maybe a huge cut above so the president will reflect and raise their dreams, raise their vision and raise them to envision the possible.

But today's politics are theater and competing stars where winning gets in the way of sober wisdom. At the peak of high stakes campaigning and fund raising, which begins the minute a presidential candidate takes

office, substance is thrown to the wind. And at the rush we arrive at with these candidates in mid-October, there can be no room for the American people.

"No one stood up for the American people," said one commentator about the first presidential debates. They stood only for themselves. So the American people must stand up for themselves. Not only must you vote on November 5. Not only must you continue to insist upon civil discourse between and among candidates in radio and television advertising, on the stump, on the street and in debate. You must also demand substantive change in the whole system.

Tell the candidates they know the secret they tried so hard to keep from us as they danced around each other and danced around the issues. "We like each other, can't you tell?" said Mr. Clinton, grinning broadly at one point in their debate. But we know their secret. We know there isn't a scintilla of substantive difference between them, whether it's in Pentagon and defense spending or aid for the elderly or health insurance or education or taxes. Tell them we don't care whether they like each other. We want better than they've shown us in their debates.

Tell them we've had enough of the personal problems and homilies and autobiographies. And we really don't care whether Mr. Clinton called Mr. Bush "Mr. President" during their debates four years ago or Mr. Dole

calls Mr. Clinton "Mr. President" in this year's debates. Tell them we want diverse and democratic debates that are clear in speech and substantive in content, direct and truthful about issues facing the American people. And we want the practice carried over into government relations between executive and legislative branches when candidates assume office.

Tell them we want a free flow of diverse and creative ideas about policy and practice as they relate to our institutions, business and industry, government and people, and the interconnectedness of our policy and practice with international bodies and the world's people and problems. Tell them we want the money flow to stop, no matter where it comes from to the candidates or other holder, whether from personal investment or government or political action committee or lobbyist.

Tell them we want campaign seasons spread to a few days, a month at most, before Election day, and shortened terms in office with required study of the congressional and committee structures and processes for anyone who wants to win a seat in the congress or assume the office of president.

Tell them we want public servants proven in their commitment to a government and system where they and politicians, elected of corporate bribery, work hard, play by the rules, and raise our vision to the possibilities for a better America.

'The American dream' as seen by Watts

by Rep. J.C. Watts, Jr.



Rep. J.C. Watts, Jr.

When it comes to the American dream, no one does it better than me. All of us have an equal chance to share in that dream.

I never think of it as a dream. I would have the privilege of addressing the American people, but this is America where dreams still come true.

People are going to get into this country, not out of it.

The greatest, most prosperous, most powerful nation on the face of the earth and it produces hundreds of thousands of dreams come-true every day.

That's why, I had the opportunity to travel the country and meet the people who are changing lives, one heart at a time. These people working in the trenches and suffering with those who suffer, understand compassion. They understand a compassion can't be dispensed from a safe distance by a faceless bureaucrat sitting in an air conditioned office in Washington, DC.

Reagan-Bush era left us with a budget deficit that quadrupled in size, crippled the economy and leading to a prolonged recession.

The standard of living enjoyed by older Americans would be diminished under the Republican scheme to double the amount that seniors would pay for Medicare premiums. Shouldn't our parents and grandparents who worked their entire lives be entitled to enjoy the American dream in retirement without threats from the so-called "Republican Revolutionaries"?

Government can't replace family and community, but it can provide a sound foundation on which Americans can build a successful future.

We [Republicans] don't define compassion by how many people are on welfare, or Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), or living in public housing. We define compassion by how few people are on welfare, AFDC, and in public housing, because we have given them the means to climb the ladder of success.

Compassion can't be measured in dollars and cents. It does come with a price tag, but that price tag isn't the amount of money spent. The price tag is love—being able to see people as they are and not as they are great. The measure of a man is not how great his faith is, but how great his love is. We must not let government programs disconnect our souls from each other.

Bob Dole understands Washington can't teach people right from wrong, it's their tears, or help a child with his homework. Bob Dole understands it's the people helping people, neighbor helping neighbor.

There is one thing I cherish a great deal more than Congress, and that is the love of Dad, to indulge me while I say a word to the kids.

Young people, America needs you. If our country is going to con-

stitute to be great, if it is going to continue to be strong, you are going to have to do your part. You are going to have to fight for America. Fight against skipping school and cheating on your papers. Fight against driving too fast and disobeying your parents. Fight against cursing and smoking. And fight, fight with every fiber of your being against drugs and alcohol.

I know, I know. You've heard all of this before and you probably think that J.C. Watts is just another old fashioned grown-up, and you're thinking that, you're right. Just ask my five kids, Keisha, Jerrell, Jennifer, Terry, and Julie.

I know it's tough. That's why I'm asking you to fight and be counted as a leader. You can help your friends find the courage to say no to the things that make them weak. And yes to the things that make them strong.

You see character does count. For too long we have gotten by in a society that says the only thing right is to get by and the only thing wrong is to get caught. Character is doing what's right when nobody is looking.

Parents and adults, I don't just challenge the youth, I challenge you. For what we build and nourish and

encourage in our youth today, is what our country will look like 20 years from now.

The American Dream is about becoming the best you can be. It's not about your bank account, the kind of car you drive, or the brand of clothes you wear. It's about using your gifts and abilities to be all that God meant for you to be.

Whether your dream is to be a doctor, teacher, engineer, or Congressman, if you can dream it, you can do it. The American Dream is the promise that if you study hard, work hard, and dedicate yourself, you can be whatever you want to be.

In my wildest imagination, I never thought that the fifth of six children born to Helen and Buddy Watts—in a poor black neighborhood, in the poor rural community of Eufaula, Oklahoma—would someday be called Congressman. But then, this is America—where dreams come true.

J. C. Watts, Jr. is a Republican Representative of the Fourth District of Oklahoma. This was originally a speech delivered on August 13, 1996 at the Republican National Convention.

Republicans stalk, Democrats produce

by Congressman Donald Payne



For all of the rhetoric the Republican party spouts about fulfilling the American dream, they have utterly failed to deliver on their promises.

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Republicans like to deride the federal government, but let's remember some of its achievements: passage of the GI Bill after World War II enabled a generation of veterans to secure a college education and help build a thriving economy.

Passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 opened doors of opportunity which had been slammed shut for years. Construction of Interstate 95 was a federal project which has underwritten our transportation system and injected millions of dollars into our economy in travel and tourism benefits.

President Clinton has put our nation on the right track, laying the groundwork for all Americans to achieve the American dream. I am proud to have supported the President's economic plan, which has resulted in the formation of over 10 million new jobs, provided incentives for the creation of over 100,000 American businesses, brought the American unemployment rate to its lowest level in history, brought the typical American family's income up \$3,000, and brought home ownership to its highest level in 15 years.

Other initiatives which help working families, like the minimum wage increase and the Family and Medical Leave law, were supported by the President and Democrats in Congress. Republicans fiercely attacked these measures as too inconvenient for big business.

President Clinton has worked to make our communities safer and more secure by strengthening gun control laws, putting more police on the streets,

and promoting drug-free schools—measures which the Republicans resisted. Our investment in local communities paid off—it was recently reported that violent crime declined across the nation last year.

The easiest thing in the world to give lip service, but solid results that make a difference in people's everyday lives.

All of us are striving for the American dream, but the two major parties have fundamental differences in our

approach. The Republicans believe that the federal government should bear little or no responsibility for the well-being of its citizens, while my party believes the federal government should be a constructive partner in the effort to expand access to the American dream. As New Jersey's first African American member of Congress, I am deeply appreciative that I have been able to fulfill my own dream, but I won't turn my back on those who need help to find their way.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
NEWARK—Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral invites the community to be a part of their Rededication Service at noon. Later that evening, the Cathedral hosts The North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club at 6 p.m. For more info call 201-481-3505.

NEWARK—The Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry presents a Monthly Urban Ministry Leadership Seminar and Fellowship Brunch from 8:30 p.m. to noon at First Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. For more info call 201-481-6650.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
GARWOOD—Faith Tabernacle Church presents its 21st Anniversary Celebration Banquet honoring Bishop Herbert L. Bright, Sr. at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$45. For more info call 908-486-2560/757-6558.

JERSEY CITY—Dr. Charles Hayes, resident scholar at The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, will deliver the keynote address at a conference on Religious Diversity (American Schools) from 1 to 4 p.m.

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral on the front line of urban renewal

NEWARK—The Cathedral Resource Partnership (CRP), the Human Resource Division of Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral is on the front line of urban responsibility and renewal with a commitment to guiding urban youth in laying a sound education foundation, assisting with personal development and helping develop career choices.

As of September, the CRP started The CRP Institute for Education, an after school leadership program. Twenty students, between the ages of 11 and 16, from the Essex County Division of Youth Services participate in a broad-based program in education for personal and career development that is conducted four hours daily at the Cathedral House in downtown Newark.

Brother Colin Tatem, AHC, Executive Director of the CRP will be the principal lecturer supported by visiting tutors and lecturers. Mr. Tatem is an Adjunct Professor at Essex County College.

The Very Reverend Peter Sabune and The Reverend Angela S. Hill will also participate in the program. In addition to the after school programs, Education for Leadership, a three month evening course, will help students have an international focus, emphasizing global, economic, historical and cultural perspectives to be held one evening each week at Cathedral House. Tuition is \$150 (assistance is available).

Dr. Beverly Hall, state superintendent of schools, supports the CRP initiatives and representatives visiting schools to give motivational talks and advice. The CRP Annual Awards honoring excellence of 100 top students, held last May, achieved a record-breaking attendance.

CRP representatives, visiting schools, participated in talks with over 5,000 students during the last academic year.

Tatem states "It is in the development of the human potential of our city that real progress for the whole community will be realized."

In addition to the leadership and after school programs the CRP is the New Jersey representative for the Institute For Education and Advocacy which works with refugees and has begun a program for conflict resolution in the Haitian, Jamaican and African American communities.

All of the programs operated by the CRP are funded through grants and donations. Anyone interested in mentoring or participating in the programs should call Colin R. Tatem at 201-242-2885.

Wilson is a graduate of Dillard University and holds a BA in Music Education. He attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School for postgraduate study and Eastman School of Music in the areas of Christian Education and Sacred Music. He received the Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Virginia Seminary and college.

For additional information and tickets for the concert, please call 201-678-0355.

Los Angeles names street for L. Ron Hubbard

LOS ANGELES—The city of Los Angeles has a new street name: L. Ron Hubbard Way. The Los Angeles City Council, principal administrative body of the major world metropolis and American's second largest city, approved an ordinance on Tuesday, October 8 officially renaming a one-block section of Berendo Street—linking famed Sunset Blvd. and another major

thoroughfare—in honor of the late humanitarian, author and founder of the religion Scientology.

In a statement, entertainer Isaac Hayes noted, "For a man who has given so much to this planet, to name a street after him is a small gesture compared to the work he has done for mankind."

The Church of Scientology of Los

Angeles, which is located on the newly designated L. Ron Hubbard Way, said it plans to work with the city in making a number of street improvements. In addition to founding the Scientology religion, Hubbard researched and developed a technology for flushing toxins out of the body which has become part of Narconon International's drug rehabilitation program.

Eli Wilson to perform at concert at Elmwood United Presbyterian

EAST ORANGE—Elmwood United Presbyterian Church will present a concert featuring ordained Minister of Music Eli Wilson, Jr. The concert will be held on Friday, October 25 at the Cicely Tyson School of Fine and Performing Arts (formerly Vernon L. Davey Junior High School), at 7:30 p.m.

Wilson is the full-time Minister of Music at the Emanuel Baptist Church in Brooklyn. His vision for developing a music ministry that goes just beyond choir rehearsals has created many opportunities for him to travel across the country doing workshops and seminars to large groups of people

involved in church music leadership.

A few years ago he released his first solo album entitled *Introducing Eli Wilson, Jr. God's Word Shall Stand Forevermore*. The album sold more than 10,000 copies.

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Smith Bill to create commission for minority males advances

TRENTON—Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Tom Smith that would create the Commission on the Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Minority Male Group was recently released by the Assembly Community Services Committee.

Smith's bill, A-2246, would establish the 19-member commission in the Department of Law and Public Safety. "It's clear that a commission is needed to address the specific problems facing African-American and Latino males in New Jersey," said Smith. (R-Moosmouth). "This commis-

sion will be responsible for identifying the problems particular to African-American and Latino males in the areas of employment, criminal justice, education and health and for making recommendations to address their concerns."

The commission will oversee and supervise four separate subcommittees, one devoted to each of the targeted areas Smith explained.

"The commission will also conduct a research to determine the nature and extent of the problems facing these males and to identify existing federal,

state and local programs that currently exist to help them," Smith said.

In addition, the commission will develop and implement new programs and demonstration projects, as well as institute community education and public awareness programs. The commission will also assist African-American and Latino males to develop strategies to improve their social conditions and will provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature.

The commission's membership would include: two members of the

Assembly and two of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker and the Senate President. The members from the two houses would not be of the same political party. One member would be from the New Jersey Office of Minority Health Advisory Commission appointed by the Governor. The 14 public members would also be appointed by the Governor.

Of those 14, at least one member would be a representative of each of the following groups: Aspira, Inc., FOCUS, the Black Issues Convention, the Black Men's Health Project Network, the NAACP, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, the Negro Council of Women, the Puerto Rican Congress, the United Black International Clergy, the Urban League and a Latino clergy.

Smith's measure was released by a 6-0 committee vote and now heads to the full Assembly for consideration.

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Kids Kalendar

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THRU OCTOBER 31
COLTS NECK—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (2 to 3 years) program "Morning Song," at Dorbrook Activity Center from 11 to 11:45 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

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THRU OCTOBER 28
LINCOLN—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (2 to 3 years) program "Morning Song," at Thompson Park from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

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HOWELL—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (18 months to 2 years) program "Morning Song," at Manasquan Reservoir from 10 to 10:45 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

COLTS NECK/HOWELL—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (2 to 3 years) program "Morning Song," at Dorbrook Activity Center and Manasquan Reservoir from 11 to 11:45 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
CALDWELL—Caldwell College will provide an Open House for High School Students and their parents at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Theater. For more info call 201-228-4424, ext. 500.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
HOBOKEN—Stevens Institute of Technology is conducting a conference for 250 young women in 8th to 12th grade, their parents, and teachers. For more info call 201-216-5245.

YOUTHBEAT

Take the Internet challenge

APTE, Inc., has announced the release of its latest Internet Coach CD-ROM, *Mission to Planet X*. In honor of Net Day and the release of *Mission to Planet X*, APTE is sponsoring an Internet contest for elementary and middle schools.

Classrooms from fourth to eighth grade are invited to answer 10 questions about the Internet. Entries must be returned to APTE by December 5. Please include the name of your classroom teacher and your school. Fifteen winning schools will be announced on December 10th on APTE's home page and will be officially notified by mail.

Each of the winning schools will receive: Ten copies of the software program, *Internet Coach for Netscape Navigator* and one CD-ROM of *Internet Coach for Kids: Mission to Planet X*.

The top classroom winner will also be selected as the official beta tester for APTE's software game products. All winners will be announced and posted on APTE's Web page (<http://www.apte.com>).

To win the contest, a classroom must correctly answer the following questions:

1. **What is the Internet?**
A software company
A computer network connected together
A method of catching walleye

2. **When was the Internet created?**
1989
1950
1968

3. **Who first used the Internet?**
U.S. Department of Defense
IBM
Harvard University

4. **What does http mean?**
Hyper text teacher protocol
Hyper text transfer protocol
High technology testing project

5. **When you transfer a file from the Internet to your computer, you are?**
Uploading
Downloading
Overloading

6. **What url mean?**
Universal research laboratory
United record libraries
Uniform resource locator

7. **Who created the World Wide Web?**
William Gates
Marc Andreessen
Tim Berners-Lee

8. **What suffix type would follow the Web address of Northwestern University?**
.com
.edu
.org
.net
.gov

9. **A browser helps you....**
Navigate the Web
Scan for computer viruses
Compile directories and files

10. **Who owns the Internet?**
The Library of Congress
The United Nations
No one

Answers can be sent to APTE 1840 Oak Avenue Evanston, IL 60201-3866. For more information about APTE please visit our Web page: <http://www.apte.com>.

High school students wanted for scholars program

NEWARK—The Consortium for Pre-College Education at New Jersey Institute of Technology is looking for Newark High School seniors to participate in the newly established PSE&G Scholars Program.

The program offers students the chance to participate in a year-long pre-college skills enhancement program through the Consortium, and then apply for a chance to receive one

of ten, \$1,000 scholarships that can be applied towards tuition at NJIT.

The PSEAG Scholars program will enhance our ability to recruit to more Newark students and provide them with the academic skills they need to succeed in college and hopefully encourage them to pursue careers in technological fields," said Laurence Howell, executive director of the Consortium for Pre-College

Education in Newark.

A maximum of 50 students will be accepted into the program based on their academic high school record, participation in extra curricular activities and desire to pursue a career in science, engineering or mathematics. Candidates must be Newark residents and a senior at any high school in the Newark public school system.

International Travel Scholarships available now

CAMBRIDGE, MA—High school students who wish to see the world—and who have an innovative plan to change it—are invited to apply for the EF Ambassador Scholarship. Sixty-two students will be selected to receive the award for the July 1997 Ambassador Tour of Europe.

The annual scholarship program

recognizes the philanthropic ambitions of North American youth while promoting cultural exchange.

Based on applicants' submitted ideas to change the world, either locally or globally, scholarships will be presented to one student from each U.S. state and Canadian province/territory. Recipients will participate in the

11-day expenses-paid Ambassador Tour, sponsored by EF Educational Tours of Cambridge, MA.

The tour will travel to New York, London, Canterbury, Brugge, Brussels, Paris and Geneva. Application deadline is January 31, 1997. Applications are available by mail to EF Educational Tours, Scholarship Programs, One Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02142, by e-mail at scholarships@efcom.org, or on the Internet at <http://www.efcom.org>.

Educating potential scientists



PLAINFIELD—The classroom was part of the Plainfield Area YMCA—the youngsters were there to have fun and to learn. It was all part of a first-hand look at science through a seven-week program offered at summer day camps and made possible by the help of Schering-Plough Corporation. The 4-H Summer Science Program, run by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension's 4-H Program of Union County puts the emphasis on the discovery process, having youngsters conduct simple scientific experiments under the careful supervision of science teachers. Enjoyment goes hand-in-hand with an emphasis on in-depth, hands-on instruction. The program is also offered at the Kings Daughters Day School and Neighborhood House in Plainfield; the Rahway YMCA, JFK Center and E-Port Presbyterian Center Summer Camp in Rahway; and the Police Community Center in Elizabeth. Pictured above students are shown a model of a slime molecule by Stephen J. Coval, Ph.D., Principal Scientist of Natural Products with Schering-Plough (c) while other officials look on. (l to r) Joe Starkey, manager Community Affairs for Schering-Plough; Union County Freshholder Linda Di Giovanni; James Nicholasowicz, Union County 4-H agent; Kenneth Widgeon, director of Youth Programs for the YMCA; Henry Kurz, Freshholder vice chair; Cheryl Popilarski, science instructor for Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Freshholder Dan Sullivan. The students are (l to r) Tasharrif Rose; James Wilds; LaToya Palin and Brandyn Calland.

The Free Willy Story premieres on Discovery Channel



Keiko, the beloved orca whale who inspired the films *Free Willy* and *Free Willy 2*, and his real-life journey across continents will be chronicled in *The Free Willy Story: Keiko's Journey Home*, an original Discovery Channel film about his life, rehabilitation and his powerful relationship with the people who love him. *The Free Willy Story: Keiko's Journey Home* will make its world television premiere on Monday, October 28, from 8 to 9 p.m. (ET/PT) and midnight to 1 a.m. (ET/PT).

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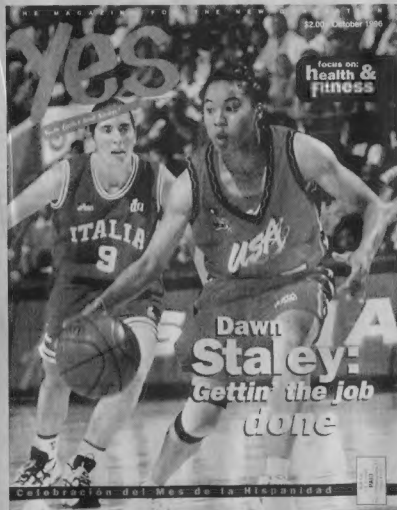
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COMMENTARY

Tupac Shakur: The infamous casualty of war

by Sylvia Perry

Special to the NNPA from The Jacksonville Free Press

America's black male has a greater chance of being killed by the hand of another black male than any other force in the universe. More than AIDS, cancer, natural disasters, etc. — Attorney General Janet Reno, citing national statistics.



There is no doubt that Tupac was a success. The ironies in his lyrics featuring commentary on everything from single motherhood and teen pregnancy awareness to mass murder and orgies, forced him to live in a "put up or shut" position. Tupac put up. He lived the life and walked the fine line necessary to give his music validity.

Three years ago, Tupac wrote a poem that he felt should be read to his funeral director. He said he felt he would die before his time and if he should, he hoped he would die for something he believed in. In the end, when all is said and done, Tupac died for what he believed in—the life of a gangster. He said recently that he wanted to change his life and do more positive things. Yet the "Thug Life" tattooed across his torso spoke more of his actions than his intentions.

His death would have been a much more meaningful had he been a martyr for civil rights, saving someone's life or even as a result of some kind of natural disaster. Unfortunately, he died for one thing that he, like so many other young brothers, died for no good or positive reason. As a result, thousands grieve an artist and cultural icon who impacted millions of lives during his brief 25-year lifetime. Tupac Shakur lived a lifestyle that many who read this newspaper have probably never lived. So let only those who have walked in his footsteps cast stones in his life.

Tupac, though famous, was a soldier in America's nationalistic Black Army. He chose his division, selected his comrades, engaged in his own battles, and for that, he was a casualty of war. How many "soldiers" must die before we realize that we are not our greatest enemy?

Doctors had to cut through the "Thug Life" tattoo in efforts to save his life. It's only a shame if it couldn't have happened sooner. Rest in peace Tupac Shakur, your battle is finally over.

Sylvia Perry is managing editor and a publisher of the Jacksonville Free Press.

He's been talked about, discussed, prayed over, marched for, mentored, imprisoned, put out, brought in, enslaved, degraded, and praised. He is America's black male. The black man is being taken out on a weekly basis and the blame cannot be placed anywhere else but on us. For years, the blame was cast with the years of oppression African Americans suffered under slavery.

In the 30s, 40s and 50s, the black male was being lynched and picked off in record numbers. During the 60s, we fought back noticeably for the first time. Revolutionaries serving as "examples" and freedom fighters, literally died for what they believed in.

The 70s birthed a new breed of black Americans. No longer were visions of segregation and Jim Crow present. No longer were the human realities of slavery still a part of our families. No longer was the memory of the 400 years of oppression still present. Instead, young men and women with no knowledge of self, the

let only those who have walked in his footsteps cast stones at his life.

struggle, or respect for their past began to fill the census rolls.

A problem always arises when the masses have no knowledge of their history. With our newfound independence and freedom to do all, we attempted and did move where we wanted to. No longer limited to the historically black colleges and universities, we were educated where we wanted to go, even as the minority, and under adverse conditions. In our effort to gain equality and indepen-

his education on the streets. Early on, his creative side was apparent and he attended his local performing arts center. Besides his home church minister, his only role models were the local punks and hustlers.

But Tupac found a way out through his creativity. He began as a dancer with a popular 80's rap group and he soon used his oratory skills to join the group and eventually became a successful solo artist. Contributing to the selling of over 60 million albums,

Romeo and Juliet comes to The State Theatre



Actors Julie Saunders and Fidel Nanton portray lovers Romeo and Juliet.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Hawthorth Shakespeare Festival presents Danny Carrick's multi-ethnic production of Romeo and Juliet at the State Theatre. The play will open on

Sunday, November 17 at 2 p.m. with a pre-performance lecture at 1 p.m. Shakespeare placed his drama of young love thwarted by deep-seated social division in a small city in Renaissance Italy. In this production, the scene is transposed to contemporary South Africa. Here the Zulu people are split into rival factions between the Inkatha Freedom Party which upholds a conservative, hierarchical ideology and the African National Congress which espouses a modern, egalitarian ideology.

Shakespeare's great romantic tragedy is transported to post-apartheid South Africa in a stunning production that features leading actors of Britain's Royal Shakespeare Company and Royal National Theatre. This production is directed by Simon Stokes with music composed by Mboneni Ngema. Without changing one word of the original text, this up-to-the-minute rendition brings new meaning to the play's timeless themes of rebellion, passion, and vengeance.

Shirley Marshall makes her debut



NEW YORK CITY—Songstress Shirley Marshall will make her debut at J. Smith's Rooftop Cafe on Sunday, October 27 at 9 p.m. Marshall and S.A.M.A. Music will unveil their long-awaited CD *Once Upon A Time*. The evening will include a performance by Marshall, CD and cassette giveaways and delightful delicacies.

Marshall has performed extensively throughout New Jersey including City News' 100 Most Influential Gala last May. Tickets are \$20. So the door can be obtained by calling S.A.M.A. at 201-763-2249, or fax your orders to 763-7069.

Daphne Maxwell-Reid joins Dark & Lovely in fight against breast cancer



Miriam Miley, (second from r.), executive vice president of Carson Products Company is joined by noted actress, Daphne Maxwell-Reid, (second, l.); National Newspaper Publishers Association President, Dorothy Leavell, (r) and Celebrating Life author and executive director, Sylvia Dunnivant, (l), at a press conference announcing a major grassroots breast cancer awareness and early detection program spear-headed by Dark & Lovely's Lyve television system. During the press conference Miley announced that from October 2 through December 31, 1996 a percentage of the sales of Dark & Lovely releases and Hair Color kits will help fight breast cancer among African-American women. "The Dark & Lovely Celebrating Life Breast Cancer Awareness Program will be implemented nationally through six African-American female organizations: The National Council of Negro Women, The Coalition of 100 Black & Women of America, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta societies.

Singles to Make you Move

by Kelly Howard

T-Boz - Touch Myself (Rowdy/LaFace Records). With her gravelly, sexy voice T-Boz gives her listeners more of what they have been craving to savor, after her lead vocal on most of the songs on TLC's *CrazySexyCool*. Touch Myself, from the *Fled* soundtrack, is funky and wild, while being cool and sassy at the same time. While we have no desire to see the fabulously funky female trio separate, Touch Myself makes us want to hear more from just this young lady.



Gina Thompson - The Thing That You Do (Mercury Records). Funny how sometimes a remix gets more airplay than the original. That's what is happening with Gina Thompson's *The Thing That You Do*. While the original version has a pleasantly funky R&B track, the remix with a new hip hop vibe has taken over. Either version is a hit.



Dru Hill - Tell Me (Island Black Music). Just when we thought that there was enough fine looking, harmonizing male groups along comes Dru Hill. Tell Me, originally featured on the Eddie Soundtrack, is one of those slow, sensual tracks that sends shivers up one's spine. This song is just the icing on the cake to be served on November 19 when their debut album hits the stores.



OutKast - Elevators (Me & You) (LaFace Records).

With its catchy hook, "Me and you, your mamma and your cousin too..." OutKast's release has every one singing and vibing to it whether they like it or not. While the single song hook has absolutely nothing to do with the rest of the track, it has definitely made *Elevators* a hit amongst young and old.



No Mercy - Where Do You Go (Arista Records). This sassy, upbeat track from No Mercy is just the thing to brighten your day. As colorful as the group's home of Florida,

Where Do You Go is the most lively heartbreak love song we've heard lately.

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AT THEATRES EVERYWHERE OCTOBER 25

Schomburg to host tribute to Langston Hughes



NEW YORK CITY—The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the New York Public Library are hosting a Sunday afternoon event entitled Schomburg Sunday Sounds on Sunday, October 27 at 3 p.m. The theme for the afternoon will be "Langston Lives!" a tribute to Langston Hughes. The Rod Rodgers Dance Company will perform. Tickets are \$9 for members, \$12 for non-members and are available at The Shop by calling 212-491-2206. The Schomburg is located at 515 Malcolm X Boulevard (at 135th St.)

Darius McCrary branches out



LOS ANGELES, CA—Darius McCrary, co star of the hit ABC sitcom, *Family Matters* recently made his debut as a performer at the Atlas Bar and Grill in Hollywood. The 20-year-old actor singer proved to be one today's R&B balladeers as he sang some of the great R&B classics such as Tell Me Something Good, and Woman's Got To Have It. In addition to his extraordinary vocal performance, McCrary surprised the crowd not only when he accompanied himself on piano, but the drums as well. He has starred on *Family Matters* for eight seasons, portraying Eddie Winslow, the adorable son of Carl and Harriet Winslow (Reginald Vel Johnson and Jo Marie Payton). He made his motion picture debut at age 10 alongside Paul Winfield, in *Big Shot* and won accolades for his performance in the Oscar nominated *Mississippi Burning*.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

In this week's issue, *City News* is featuring special coverage on the upcoming November 5 election. This coverage is presented to inform our readership on the candidates and issues affecting our communities. This issue is devoted to the Presidential, Congressional and Senatorial elections. Next week's issue will provide a rundown of the candidates for Assembly, County Freeholder, City Council and Mayor, and a guide on the public questions on the ballot.

Dole goes on the offensive in second debate

by Myra A. Thomas

SAN DIEGO, CA—From the campus of the University of San Diego, President Bill Clinton and former Senator Bob Dole squared off in the second and final presidential debate on October 16.

Set up as a town hall meeting, individuals in the audience fired impromptu questions to both candidates.

In his opening statement, Dole drew on his own personal experiences in an effort to soften his image. Dole mentioned his own personal hardships and even brought up the fact that his grandparents had received

welfare. It was obvious that Dole was seeking to make a connection to the common man.

Clinton's opening statement emphasized his accomplishments in office. "Compared to four years ago, we are clearly better off," Clinton said. He cited an additional 10.5 million jobs, more police on the street and an upswing in the economy as positive contributions of his administration.

With the tag phrase "building a bridge to the 21st century," Clinton painted a favorable picture of the social and economic climate in the country.

Dole, on the other hand, took a more pessimistic view of things, spec-

ifically criticizing the choices of the Clinton White House. Dole also emphasized what he termed "ethical problems in the White House," once again going on the offensive in attacking Clinton's character. And, in turn, Clinton all but ignored the attacks by Dole.

The thrust of Dole's response involved a call for smaller government and the transfer of power from the federal government to individual states.

Dole also criticized Clinton's policy on the war against drugs, tax hikes and liberal spending policies. In turn, Clinton criticized Dole's tax cut plan and link to the tobacco industry.

Much like the first presidential debate, media polls favored Clinton as the winner in the verbal match-up. Poised and firing away answers to the audience, Clinton was a polished spokesman drawing on the broad points given to an incumbent president. Dole made a relatively good showing, with only a few verbal fumbles.

Lagging in the polls, the Dole camp had been carefully prepping their candidate for the debate and hoping for a much-needed win.

Now, with Clinton picked as the obvious winner of the second debate, it appears that the Dole strategy to attack the President's character may not have been a useful strategy for the former senator after all.

Presidential race heats up

by Myra A. Thomas

NEW JERSEY—Voters will be going to the polls shortly, making the important choice for President of the United States. The winner will lead America into the 21st century, so making an informed decision in the race for President is key. The following is a rundown of the presidential candidates' take on some major issues affecting our community.

Democratic Nominee: President Bill Clinton

Education: Seeking to increase college Pell grants. Supported the establishment of federal standards of excellence for public schools, through the Goals 2000 Act. Proposing to have every classroom linked to the Internet by the year 2000.

Crime/Drug Abuse: Supported and signed into law the Brady Bill. Looking to step up drug prevention, education and treatment strategies. Recently signed legislation requiring drug testing for prisoners and parolees.

Affirmative Action: Believes affirmative action is still an effective tool to expand economic and educational opportunities. However, does not support quotas, reverse discrimination, and preferences for unqualified individuals.

Health Care: Supports the Kassebaum-Kennedy Bill, to limit exclusion for pre-existing medical conditions, make insurance portable from job to job, and to help unemployed individuals maintain health insurance coverage. Enacted the Family and Medical Leave Act.

The Economy: Planning a 40 cent increase in the minimum wage in 1997. Looking to expand the earned income tax credit. Seeking a balanced budget plan that includes extending the life of the Medicare Trust Fund for a decade.

Republican Nominee: former Senator Bob Dole

Education: Seeking more school choice for parents, and less federal government involvement. Looking to abolish the U.S. Department of Educa-

tion. Supports school vouchers for low and middle income parents.

Crime/Drug Abuse: Seeking to abolish parole for violent offenders. A proponent of capital punishment. Looking to step up federal drug prosecutions, making drug interdiction a top priority.

Affirmative Action: Looking to eliminate federal programs requiring preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex and national origin.

Health Care: Supported a boost to 80 percent of the tax deductibility of health insurance premiums for the self-employed. Opposes a federal government take-over of the health care system. Seeking a crackdown on health care fraud.

The Economy: Will push the balanced budget amendment. Seeking to enact a 15% individual income tax cut and a \$500 per child family tax credit for children under eighteen.

Reform Party/Independent Nominee: Ross Perot

Education: Seeking to restore local control over schools. Looking to create smaller neighborhood schools. Seeking to increase parental involvement in schools.

Crime/Drug Abuse: In favor of mandating life sentences without parole for three-time violent offenders. Seeking to increase drug addiction and education programs. In favor of drug sentences without parole for drug dealers.

Affirmative Action: As of press time, no official statement on this issue had been received from the Perot campaign.

Health Care: Looking to ban insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing medical conditions. Seeking to allow employees to take health insurance plans from job to job.

The Economy: Supports a balanced budget amendment. Seeking to create a business environment that supports small business. Will create a new and streamlined tax system, abolishing the IRS.

Torricelli & Zimmer vie for NJ Senate seat

by Myra A. Thomas

NEW JERSEY—With the November 5 election getting closer, the race for New Jersey's highly contested U.S. Senate seat has been heating up. In an attempt to fill the seat of retiring Senator Bill Bradley (D) is republican candidate Dick Zimmer, a resident of Hunterdon County, and democratic nominee Robert Torricelli, a resident of Bergen County.

With mere days to go before the election, the public has seen a media blitz of negative ads from both the Torricelli and Zimmer camps. In an attempt to fill the seat of retiring Senator Bill Bradley (D) is republican candidate Dick Zimmer, a resident of Hunterdon County, and democratic nominee Robert Torricelli, a resident of Bergen County.

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On October 5, the first of two scheduled debates was held between the candidates. With neither candidate appearing as a clear-cut winner, both Torricelli and Zimmer camps in the televised debate to focus on the blunders of their opponent. Zimmer emphasized Torricelli's absence from hundreds of key votes in the House of Representatives, and alluded to Torricelli's big spending liberal ways. Torricelli painted Zimmer as a far-flung right-winger and a follower of House Speaker



Robert Torricelli

New Gingrich.

U.S. Representative Torricelli, 45, is a seventh-term Congressman, currently representing New Jersey's 9th district. Key to the Torricelli platform are the following issues: college student loan support, balanced budget reform, environmental protections, gun control and preservation of Medicare.

Torricelli has earned a 100 percent rating from the League of Conservation Voters, as well as a 100 percent rating from the Children's Defense Fund.

While in the House, Torricelli wrote the section of the Superfund

Act that led to the remediation of polluted chemical sites in his district and throughout the state. Torricelli also penned an amendment to the 1993 Crime Bill that prohibits individuals under a restraining order for spousal abuse from obtaining a firearm. Additionally, he secured \$25 million in federal funds to enable New Jersey to redesign and build a new interchange for Routes 4 and 17, an interchange in the heart of the second largest retail area in the country. He also championed the recently approved Brady Bill.

U.S. Representative Zimmer, 52, is a third-term Congressman, representing New Jersey's 12th district. Zimmer's platform outlines the following issues as key: cutting taxes and spending, fighting crime, accountability for government leaders, environmental protection and "workfare" versus welfare.

The National Taxpayers Union has rated Zimmer three times as the most fiscally responsible member of Congress. Citizens against Government Waste gave Zimmer the highest score of all members of Congress three years in a row.



Dick Zimmer

In addition to championing "Megan's Law," Zimmer is working to establish a national sex offender registration and tracking system. As a state legislator, Zimmer sponsored New Jersey's Farmland Preservation Act, which seeks to preserve open space from development. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee for the House, Zimmer helped to pass legislation to replace the current welfare system with a system that emphasized work.

The candidates are:

Presidential

Bill Clinton/Al Gore—Democrat— Clinton graduated from Georgetown University and Yale University Law School. He was elected Arkansas Attorney general in 1976, and governor of Arkansas for five terms prior to being elected president in 1992. "Our challenge is two-fold: first, to restore the American Dream of opportunity and the American value of responsibility; and second, to bring our country together and all our diversity into a stronger community, so that we can find common ground and move forward as one."

Bob Dole/Jack Kemp—Republican— Dole graduated from Washburn Municipal College with an undergraduate degree in history and a graduate degree in law. Served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged as a captain in 1948. Has served as U.S. Senate Majority Leader to the 104th Congress. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1968. As President Bob Dole will use tested leadership to continue to fight for common sense conservative principles. Bob Dole will push an economic agenda that will create jobs and opportunity, and will seek to downsize the federal government and eliminate burdensome regulation.

Ross Perot/Pat Choate—Independent/Reform— Perot graduated from Texarkana Junior College and the United States Naval Academy. He is the founder and owner of Electronic Data Systems. In 1984, he served as State Chairman of the Select Committee on Public Education. Currently owns Perot Systems, and has penned several books on the economy and business. "I want to be your President for one reason—to solve our country's problems. I love this country. I am devoted to the principles on which it was founded. I am totally committed to making the 21st century the greatest in our country's history, and I know you are too."

U.S. Senatorial

Dick Zimmer—Republican— A graduate of Rutgers College, Rutgers School of Law and the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Has served as

an aide to Governor Brendan Byrne and was elected to Congress in 1982. "Although I favor downsizing the Federal Government, I feel it is important to remember that there are certain things, like protecting the environment, that only government can do."

Robert Torricelli—Democrat— Born in Newark and graduated from Yale University and Law School. Has served in the New Jersey General Assembly (1981-87) and Senate (1988-90). Torricelli has served in the U.S. Congress since 1991—"I will bring about fundamental change in the way government operates—scrap the tax code, balance the budget, replace welfare with workforce and get serious about fighting crime."

Congressional

Christopher H. Smith—Republican, 4th Dist.— Candidate did not respond to the League of Women Voters request for information and is not included in the Voter's Guide.

Kevin John Moors—Democrat, 4th Dist.— Education: H.S. diploma, A.A. Humanities and Social Sciences, Certified Computer Operator-Mercer County Community College. Occupation: 15 years energy utility background, PSE&G Marketing Business Service manager. Experience: 14 years civic, social & governmental Hamilton Township Municipal Council (1990-93). "The role of federal government will continue to be shaped through interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. I am a traditionalist in matters involving constitutional amendments."

Marge Rukema—Republican, 5th Dist.— Born at Montclair State, post graduate work at Montclair and Rutgers. Former secondary teacher of history and government. Ridgewood Board of Education. Co-founder, Ridgewood Senior Citizens Housing Corporation. Member of Congress since 1980. Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions. "The federal government cannot be all things to all people. Recognizing the proper role of the states, the federal

"ON NOV. 5TH, I'M VOTING FOR MY GRANDMOTHER."



If you don't, who will?

And, if you don't vote for Democrats, your grandmother can kiss some critical benefits goodbye. Because, you know, left to their own devices, the New Gingrich Republicans will continue to cut, slash or eliminate important benefits such as Medicare and Medicaid. Social Security. Even letting assault weapons back on our streets.

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African Americans lead at Nissan Corporation

Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
MEADOWLANDS—The Export Matchmaker 7th Annual Trade Fair & Conference from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Meadowlands Exposition Center. For more info call 201-242-6237 ext. 236

SOMERSET—The 1996 Mid-Jersey Business Expo will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Garden State Convention and Exhibition Center on Davidson Ave. (Exit 6 off I-287) For more info and registration, call 908-722-7823.

CRANFORD—Union County College will offer Total Quality Management Course from 8 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

OCTOBER 23 THRU 26
CLEVELAND—The National Technical Association Conference will be held. For more info call 215-549-5743.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24
WOODBRIDGE—The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) is offering "Account Development Strategies for the Non-Selling Professionals" and "Advanced Client Development Strategies for Senior Level Accountants" at Turner & Associates from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more info call 201-226-4944 ext. 207.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Bundy Productions presents "Secret Investing" at the Hyatt Regency. For registration and tickets call 908-673-1234.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
PHILADELPHIA—The Multicultural Affairs Congress presents its Second Annual Recognition Luncheon at the Pennsylvania Convention Center beginning 11:30 a.m. For more info call Nina Reese 215-636-3478.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
NEWARK—True Investments presents present one day Seminar "Learn How to Play The Stock Market" at the Gateway Hilton 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 201-824-2505.

OCTOBER 27-30
ELLENVILLE, N.Y.—The American Association for Affirmative Action presents the 20th Annual, Region II Training Conference at the Nevale Hotel For more info call 718-482-0590.

CARSON, CA.—As a vice-president for Nissan Motor Corporation U.S.A. (NMC), Jerry Florence oversees brand and consumer marketing. Currently, Florence is responsible for all marketing activities for Nissan and Infiniti division products throughout the United States, including advertising, marketing initiatives, production forecast and ordering. Nissan Motor Corporation U.S.A.'s corporate offices are located in Carson, CA.

Florence's career spans more than twenty years of technical, marketing, strategic planning, sales and international management experience with an emphasis on bottom-line performance in automotive and high-tech industries. Florence joined Nissan in 1993, previously serving as their vice-president of marketing. Since joining Nissan, Florence has been instrumental in the successful launch of the 1995 Maxima and the 240SX, which resulted in significant sales increases for both models from the previous year.



Jerry Florence

Prior to joining Nissan, Florence served as the general director of marketing and product strategy for the Cadillac Mark Division of General Motors Corporation. Prior to that, he worked for General Electric's silicones division in a variety of marketing and industrial development positions.

A graduate of Wichita State University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, Florence also completed executive management programs at Pennsylvania State University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He currently serves as second vice chair on the Board of Governors of the Urban League of Los Angeles. Florence is also on the board of directors of Wichita State University Endowment Association, the Los Angeles Educational Partnership, Ford of the Hood, and the Thelmonis Mook Institute of Jazz.

In a recent development, Dierdre Francis-Dickerson assumed the position of Minority Marketing Manager

in August of this year for Nissan. Francis-Dickerson joined Nissan North America, Inc. in 1991 as manager of public affairs, responsible for the creation and implementation of nationwide outreach programs, as well as the administration of the Nissan Foundation.

In her new position, Francis-Dickerson's duties will include managing marketing and advertising plans and strategies and developing minority test programs in support of core strategies targeting minority consumer audiences.

Prior to joining Nissan, Francis-Dickerson served as an account executive at Lapin East/West, a public relations firm specializing in sports marketing and public relations and at Daniel J. Edelman Public Relations Worldwide. She has also held a number of creative positions at television stations around the country. Additionally, Francis-Dickerson has taught television and film production at Clark Atlanta University. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Northeastern University in Boston.



Dierdre Francis-Dickerson

A Past Ford Foundation Fellow in Educational Journalism, Francis-Dickerson was also the recipient of the Los Angeles Advertising Women Lulu Award for Excellence in Public Relations and the YWCA Achievement Award. She currently serves on the corporate advisory board of the Opportunities International Centers of America (OIC) and the board of directors of Affinity Groups for Japanese Philanthropy.

NJ & NY Governors' cut bi-state port plan

TRENTON—Governor George E. Pataki and Governor Christie Todd Whitman today released a bi-state plan to take the Port of New York and New Jersey into the 21st century.

"This bi-state plan is a critical step in breaking the dredging deadlock which has plagued the harbor," Governor Whitman said. "Over the next twelve months, we will dredge more than five million cubic yards of material from channels throughout the Port, making it safe for passage by cargo vessels."

"Working together, Governor Whitman and I are committed to maintaining our harbor as the premier port on the east coast, now and into the future," Governor Pataki said. "This dredging plan will ensure that we protect jobs for the thousands of families that rely on the port, as we continue to develop solutions to promote the long-term economic viability of our two states. The port is too important to the economic and environmental health of the region to delay aggressive action to restore its competitive edge."

The plan announced by New York and New Jersey follows an agreement reached by environmental groups including Clean Ocean Action

and the Coast Alliance, in addition to the federal government. The agreement allows for dredged materials to be deposited at the Mud Dump Site until September 1, 1997, at which time the site will be closed.

"I am looking forward to September 1, 1997 when the Mud Dump Site will close and will continue our focus on upland disposal and beneficial reuse of dredged materials," Governor Whitman said.

The \$130 million plan represents a partnership between New York and New Jersey, New York City, the federal government and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The Port of New York and New Jersey is the third largest port in the country, contributing \$20 billion in economic activity to the region and generating close to 200,000 jobs.

State group aids unemployed professionals

by Myra Thomas

NEW BRUNSWICK—Created in response to middle management and large company layoffs, the Professional Services Group (PSG) provides unemployed workers with a much-needed employment resource. From free workshops on résumé writing to actual job lead information, PSG has become a vital resource for many displaced professionals.

The majority of PSG services are provided to members free of charge. Members can use PSG office phones, faxes, computers, copiers and various research materials. A number of meetings and seminars are required, including orientation, networking, and

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PSG works purely as a non-profit, self-help organization, providing members with free, yet useful career information. Besides New Brunswick, PSG chapters are maintained in Dover, Hackettstown, Mt. Holly, Morrisville, Neptune, Philadelphia, Trenton and Elizabeth. For further information on PSG, call 908-418-3304.

Minorities rarely seen as 'leaders'

PORTLAND, OREGON—In news stories and commentaries, the term leader predominantly applied to white males and those in top political and military positions. This is a key finding from "Who Leads?", a study recently released by Caranah, Smith and Gunter, Inc. (CSGI). CSGI is a Portland, OR firm that specializes in leadership development.

"We were dismayed by the research findings, which are similar to the results of a study we commissioned in 1994," says CSGI President Karen Caranah. "What we are seeing is that although minorities and women are increasingly assuming leadership roles, the official image of leadership as portrayed in the media has not caught up with changing realities."

The study reviewed about 1,000 articles from six general interest newspapers and three special interest business magazines, including all April 1996 issues of *The Atlantic Journal*, *Constitution*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Portland Oregonian*, *The Seattle Times*, and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; all issues of *Black Enterprise*, *Harvard Business Review* and *Inc.* from May 1995 to April 1996. Reviewers flagged articles and commentaries containing the terms leader, leadership.

The report was prepared by the Virginia-based research and education firm, Unabridged Communications, which uses the media to study cultural behavior and attitudes.

Local company named to Inc. 500

PARSIPPANY—Delta Corporate Services of Parsippany, New Jersey has emerged as one of the pacesetters of the private enterprise industry. Inc. magazine ranked Delta number sixteen on the 1995 Inc. 500 list of America's fastest growing private companies, thereby adding it to an elite group of American businesses. As an Inc. 500 company, Delta is nationally recognized as a leading growth company contributing to the U.S. economy.

Since opening its doors in October of 1991, Delta has become one of the fastest growing multi-service computer consulting companies in the New York metropolitan area. The company has an additional office in Dallas, TX, and is pursuing opportunities in other geographical regions. Delta provides total solutions to companies that use technology to solve business problems.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for furnishing labor, materials, equipment, insurance and accessories for the following project:
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LOCATED AT:
89 TRUMAN DRIVE, EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08837
Bids will be received by Ms. Marilyn S. Wrightman, Director of Shelters and Transitional Housing at the Catholic Charities Office located at 25 Salter Avenue, Edison, New Jersey 08837 on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1996 at 4:00 PM** Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All work shall be in accordance with plans and specifications as prepared by Thomas P. Ercolano, AIA, 202 Highland Avenue, Upper Merion, New Jersey 07043.

Bid documents as prepared by **THOMAS P. ERCOLANO, AIA**, 202 Highland Avenue, Upper Merion, New Jersey 07043, (201) 746-5595 can be obtained directly from the Architect. Bidders will be furnished a copy thereof by the Architect on proper receipt and payment of a non-refundable charge payable to **THOMAS P. ERCOLANO, AIA**, in the amount of \$75.00 for each set of plans.

ALL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE PROJECT SITE, 89 TRUMAN DRIVE, EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08837 ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1996 AT 10:00 AM PREVALUING TIME.

Each bidder shall submit only the "BID FORMS" package in duplicate as their proposal. Bids must be made on the standard proposal form in the manner designated therein. Bids will be received until the time designated for the receiving of bids. No bids will be received by mail. All applicable bid items in the proposal form must be filled in and no other alterations are allowed in the proposal. No bidder may submit more than one bid.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, submitted at or before the time and at the place above specified. Envelopes shall bear the name of the project, the name and address of the bidder, and shall be addressed to Catholic Charities, 25 Salter Avenue, Edison, New Jersey 08837. Attn: Ms. Marilyn S. Wrightman, Director of Shelters and Transitional Housing.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

Take notice that the regular board meeting of the Housing Authority of Plainfield scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 1996, at 5:30 p.m., Richmond Towers, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ has been canceled due to the local election. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 1996, at 5:30 p.m., Richmond Towers, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ.

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The Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth is seeking a consultant:

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Proposals must be submitted in triplicate in a properly sealed envelope, bearing the name of the firm and the title of the firm's enclosed proposal. No late responses will be accepted.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth Administration Building, 688 Maple Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Wednesday, November 13, 1996 by 4:00 p.m. prevailing time.

Where any questions regarding the request for proposal, please call Dennis Richman at (908) 855-2401, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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MORRIS COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION

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All bids shall be prepared by the parties bidding, or their agents, at the designated time and place, before and after that time. No bids will be accepted after the time set forth above. Proposals shall be made on the basis forms provided.

The drawings and specifications for the proposed work, prepared by Zimmerman Architects, Danville, New Jersey, are on file in the offices of the Morris County Affordable Housing Corp. at 990 Haze Street, Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey (201) 540-0328, where they may be examined between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday. Interested bidders may also obtain copies of the same for a fee of \$20.00 made payable to the Morris County Affordable Housing Corp. to obtain the cost of reproduction.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Surety's Consent and Certified Check or Bid Bond for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, or \$20,000 maximum, whichever is lesser, payable to the Morris County Affordable Housing Corp. Said surety shall be bound to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds to the successful bidder, equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount.

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SPORTS

Segregated golf courses still legal in America

by Max Millard

Sunday, August 25, was by any measure one of the most revolutionary dates in the history of golf. That day, in a drilling, come-from-behind victory, 20-year-old Tiger Woods became the first man ever to win three straight U.S. amateur golf championships.

Hailed as the hottest new talent in golf since Jack Nicklaus 35 years ago, and the greatest amateur since Bobby Jones in the 1920s, Woods announced August 28 that he had turned professional. Simultaneously, Nike signed him to a five-year contract for \$40 million—unprecedented for a golfer—to promote its golf shoes and clothing.

Woods, who has an African-American father and Thai mother, let loose a final bombshell on August 29, when the Wall Street Journal ran a three-page ad titled "Hello World" that was repeated on national television.

The ad said: "I shot in the 60s when I was eight. I shot in the 70s when I was 12. I was in the U.S. Junior Amateur when I was 14. I played in the Masters when I was 19. There are still golf courses in the United States that I cannot play because of the color of my skin. I'm told I'm not ready for you. Are you ready for me?"

Nike, the world's leader of athletic footwear, clothing and accessories,

was soon flooded with calls from the media, asking if the statement was true. Reports surfaced that the Oregon-based company had identified at least 23 private golf courses in the country where African Americans could not play. The U.S. has approximately 15,000 golf courses, of which almost 5,000 are private.

In a telephone interview, Donna Gibbs, Nike's director of corporate communications said, "We had an independent research company verify that information." But, the ads were also based on some of Wood's own experiences. "He received death threats at the Los Angeles Open in 1992," Gibbs said "and at the Byron Nelson Classic in Irving, TX, two years ago, two women armed with pistols were arrested at the course where Woods was practicing."

Gibbs added that though Nike was willing to name particular clubs that are suspected for being racially exclusive, it was not releasing a full list of clubs.

She did, however, name Cypress Point Golf Club in Pebble Beach, CA, located between Monterey and Carmel. "In 1991, the Cypress Point Golf Club was taken off the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am after 45 years because the exclusive club had no ethnic minority members and it remains off the PGA tour list for that reason."

A spokesperson for Cypress Point admitted that the club has no black members, but declined to answer further questions.

According to Art Teitelbaum, a spokesman for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Under Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, public golf courses may not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or religion. But, private courses are not affected by that act and "have the right to behave obviously, in their membership policies and practices, and their use of facilities even though the number of laws and de facto requirements from their application forms. For example, when a club requires a picture of a prospective member, that's a suspect behavior."

Today, because of negative publicity, "the remaining clubs in America that maintain racial and religious restrictions typically will either deny it, or have nothing to say on the subject," Teitelbaum said.

But, the issue should not be ignored, he stressed. "Private club discrimination is sometimes seen as kind

of irrelevant, because it doesn't really hurt anybody, and besides, "I wouldn't want to be a member of a club that wouldn't accept me."

But we should remember that private club discrimination has a very significant impact in the world of business, because on that golf course or in a private club dining room, deals are made, relationships are made, and it teaches the terrible lessons of an "acceptable" bigotry. And when community leaders or significant public personalities are members of restrictive private clubs, they lend those policies credibility, and they give those practices stature.

Nike's public relations manager, Jim Small, said the ads were not intended to target particular clubs but "to get people talking—that golf has not been an inclusive sport for minorities and women and Tiger is leading the charge to make that way."

In fact the material "came through collaborative discussions with Tiger and his family. They were very much involved in the selection of these spots," said Donna Gibbs.

"One of the things Tiger was interested in from us as a very high priority, was that we would support many minority youth golf programs to make golf more inclusive to minority youth and girls." Small said.

Results of the Shore Athletic Club Youth x-c Series

by Les Wright

Raven Lea of the South Mountain Jaguars Track Club in Maplewood was winner of the girls 3K race in the 10 age group. Raven had the leading time of all participants in this race series, which began in September. Other event winners are:

800M BOYS

Shane Hart 3:28; Nyle Sterling 3:41; Sean Gillespie 3:48; Cameron Sirois 3:13; Christopher Romero 4:32; Jihad Woods 4:41; Dustin Richardson 4:46.

800M GIRLS

Lauren Snyder 4:17; Gabriela Sanchez 4:38; Tracy Wood 4:41.

Novice 1000M BOYS

Kevin Hart 4:39; Sean Snyder 5:11; Adam Gokstein 5:15; Nigal King 5:22; Muhammad Meeks 5:30.

3K-9 BOYS

James Arney 15:07; Ryan Richardson 15:30; Craig Forsy 15:32; Carson Sirois 15:51; Alexander Wood 15:53; Sean McLaughlin 18:46; Conrad Malone 18:59; Sean Malone 20:38.

3K-9 GIRLS

Shannon Gillespie 15:09; Adrienne

Smith 16:24; Clara McKelvin 16:35.

3K-11-12 BOYS

Milo Schwab 12:55; Jeffery Saravia 13:30; Eric Saravia 13:31; Eric Rice 13:49; Ian Toriella 13:57; Tom McLaughlin 14:47; David Lackner 15:41; R. Plummer 22:10.

4K-13-14 BOYS

Josh Alcorn 21:04;

4K-13-14 GIRLS

Lauren Burke 21:06.

5K-14-15 BOYS

David Munday 21:11; Israel Rodriguez 22:18.

The Shore Athletic Club will host its 23rd annual cross-country meet at Ocean County Park in Lakewood on Sunday, October 27 at 10 a.m. There will be races for children 9 and under to 12 to 13 years of age. There will also be a 5 mile race for men, women and master.

All youth are encouraged to participate in the USAATF Junior Olympic cross-country meet on November 3 at Warnaco Park, Elizabeth. For additional information on the race call 908-925-5974 or 908-296-0006.

For information on the Holmdel and Lakewood cross country meets contact Les Wright at 908-222-5843.

Political Summit

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and religious forces sought a common political platform. The Mosque #40 Minister said an agenda was adopted and created as a representation of blacks to fold the gap of injustices that they have been told short on from American political parties.

"Every four years, we sell ourselves cheap on the charisma of individuals and our issues of direct concern that involves us with our communities are never addressed," explained Min. Wallace Muhammad.

Specific political issues addressed included: welfare reform and raising the minimum wage; education inequality; land ownership; foreign policy and international development linkages in the black community; moral and spiritual renewal; environmental protection; judicial injustices; Min. Khadir Muhammad said.

Both Islamic leaders said NAALS sought to combine efforts and input from organizations like the Congressional Black Caucus to join in an "out-reaching to the common brother and sister." They pointed out that many African-American politicians were out of touch with the black community.

"We are tied to one another. No one man or woman can rise above the level of their people. They are not going nowhere," Min. Khadir Muhammad said. "We are not looking to exclude or promote the diversification but we looking to expand upon that."

In response to NAALS calling for a God-centered political system, Min. Wallace Muhammad explained, "It is quite evident and clear that in the demonstration of power and practices that exists, [the] society [which] has perpetuated and endorsed injustice and inequality [was] birthed out of the separation of... God from state."

Although NAALS was attended by less people than anticipated, Min. Khadir Muhammad believed it partly on the location and mostly on inadequate media attention and negative media hype surrounding Farrakhan. However, the state leader said it was because the "Gate-Way" city honors October 16, the anniversary of the Million Man March last year, as a legal holy day.

"When I got to St. Louis and I saw that Arch, it came back to me and I realized that the Arch was a symbol of the gate between the East and the West," Min. Wallace Muhammad offered.

Wallace added that he was satisfied with himself for having understood the significance of meeting between the East and the West, and that meant going home in spirit of oneness and atonement.

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